

ABOUT the most unmeaning things in the world are the kisses the women exchange.

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KILL 'em now, for a fly in time saves nine—millions.

POSTSCRIPT

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## VILLANOW COOPED UP BY TROOPS OF MEXICO

Carranza Has 15,000 Men Hemmed About Bandit.

No Chance to Escape, Asserts Defacto Commander.

WORKING SAME PLAN AS U. S.

Thousands of Mex Reinforcements Will Tighten Net.

American Operations on Border Cloaked in Secrecy.

El Paso, March 14.—Francisco Villa, heading south from Galena, is now encircled by Carranza troops, according to advices from General Luis Gutierrez, commander in chief of Chihuahua today. With 15,000 men in Chihuahua, and heavy reinforcements on their way, he thinks Villa has small chance of escaping.

Soon after General Pershing's departure last night the mass of detailed information which had been pouring in for several days from numerous border points west of here about details of troop movements was completely stopped. This was in line with the policy forecast by military authorities to keep secret any important troop movements.

Villa at Corralitos. No information reached here as to how soon movements in force might be expected. General Funston's announcement last night that the expedition, which was to get further information about him, did not serve to clear up the question of when the troops will enter. Although considerable information has been obtained about the gathering of units for the expeditionary column, the military authorities have effectively blocked in the information for maintenance of a secondary line for patrol duty along the American border.

Overnight reports place Villa still at Galena, where he had shifted his men yesterday. Carranza officials at Juarez were not given further information about him. His present position is still within striking distance of the colony of 500 Mormons about Casas Grandes.

Mexicans on Long Campaign. Carranza troops' movements according to reports from Mexican officials.

INTO MEX TONIGHT

Funston Says Expedition Now Is Ready to Start.

Eight Aeroplanes and 90 Aviators at Border Today.

San Antonio, March 14.—"Into Mexico tonight" was the slogan here today by experienced military men, who have closely watched the work of preparation. That the expedition was ready to start was indicated by General Frederick Funston himself, who stated there would not be a slightest delay once the troops were concentrated.

The first aeroplanes, commanded by Captain Ben R. Foulis and composed of ten officers and eight enlisted men, is due at El Reno today with eight military aeroplanes and equipment.

Brigadier General J. J. Pershing, who has been designated to personally lead the expedition, has had wide military experience. In the campaign against the Moros of the Philippine islands, in 1903, he decisively defeated the insurrectionists in the battle of Baguio. He served in the Santiago campaign in the Spanish-American war and later was military attaché to Tokio. As an observer with General Kuroki's army in Manchuria, he witnessed many battles in the Russo-Japanese war.

Vote on Buying Water Plant. Lawrence, Kan., March 14.—Lawrence citizens are voting today on a proposal to buy the Lawrence Water company's plant and put it under municipal ownership. Today's voting wound up a campaign which has been conducted strenuously for the last month.

TEXANS WANT TEDDY TO LEAD THEM INTO MEXICO

El Paso, Texas, March 14.—Texans wish Colonel Roosevelt to lead a volunteer regiment of 500 cowboys across the border. A telegram was prepared today by Bob Rinehart after a meeting of fifty original rough riders and others in El Paso, to be sent to the colonel requesting his leadership. Rinehart says he has the 600 recruits ready.

## She Smuggles Letters in Cast of Broken Arm

The Hague, Netherlands, March 14.—The smuggling of letters over the Belgian and German frontiers, in order to evade the German censor, has taxed the genius of many enterprising persons, but it is doubtful whether a more striking ruse has been adopted than the one just reported from the frontier.

A nurse who was entering Holland from Germany, had "broken" arm that was encased in plaster of paris. At the frontier the military guard demanded that even the plaster of paris encasing the "broken" arm should be ripped open.

When the cast was broken, some eighty letters lay exposed to view. The arm was perfectly whole and healthy, and its possessor is now in a German prison.

CARRANZA IS FAVORABLE TO REPLY OF U. S.

State Dep't Informed Defacto Chief Receives Note.

Uncle Sam Unable to Confirm Reports of Opposition.

NOT RE-WARN AMERICANS

U. S. Consuls, However, Again Advise Fleeing.

No News From Mormon Colony—Bandits Cut R. R.

Washington, March 14.—State department agents along the border reported today that General Carranza has received the American government's note accepting his proposal for a reciprocal agreement for the purpose of maintaining peace and favorably impressed with it.

Acting Secretary Polk reported to President Wilson today that the state department has received from various sections of Mexico indicated that a favorable impression had been made by the note sent General Carranza yesterday. The president's assurance that no armed intervention in Mexico was planned. Mr. Polk's report was optimistic and did not confirm reports that the Carranza supporters resented the pursuit of Villa by American troops.

Officials Optimistic. Official reports from the border today contained no word of important troop movements. Before he left the cabinet meeting Secretary Baker (Continued on Page 2)

TO AID GERMANS

Heavy Reinforcements Arriving at Verdun Front.

Crown Prince Will Make Three Drives at Once.

London, March 14.—Heavy German reinforcements were arriving at the Verdun front while German artillery continues the terrific bombardment of French field positions today. Delayed dispatches from Swiss cities reported the closing of the Swiss-German frontier to conceal troop movements.

French airmen have observed the impounding of fresh German legions. Summons War Lords. These dispatches revived the report that Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army believed the crown prince will drive simultaneously on both banks of the Meuse striking to capture the Goese Hill and the Mar's Hill positions northwest of Verdun, and Fort Vaux and Fort Tannous east of the city.

\$150,000 R. R. Shop Fire. Clevelport, Ky., March 14.—Fire today destroyed the roundhouse, machine and car repair shops of the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railway company. Six engines, six passenger coaches and part of the work train equipment also were burned, the loss is \$150,000.

Old Song Hit Seals Fate of N. Y. Bowery

New York, March 14.—The Bowery, immortalized by poets, short story writers and composers of popular songs, will become central Broadway if merchants and bankers whose places of business are on the famous thoroughfare can persuade the board of aldermen to agree to the change in name. It was decided at a meeting today. The business men pointed out that the fate of the Bowery was sealed by the refrain heard many years ago:

They do such things and they say such things, On the Bow'ry, the Bow'ry, I'll never go there any more. It was said this song, which went all over the country, made such an impression that people ceased trading on the Bowery, which until that time had been an important business street.

## MULVANE GIVEN JOLT IN OTTAWA THIS AFTERNOON

Topekan Lost Out in Hot Fight in Second District.

Delegates Elected Against Dyed-in-Wool Republicans.

STANDPATTERS OUT OF SADDLE

Topeka Man Who Had Not Announced His Candidacy.

Will He Be Able to Name Next National Committeeman?

Ottawa, Kan., March 14.—Dave Mulvane lost his fight in the Second Congressional District Republican convention today. Charles Tucker of Lawrence and John O. Morse of Lynn county, two anti-Mulvane men, were elected delegates to the national convention here this afternoon. Senet Kirk of Anderson county, and Dr. C. W. Jones of Olathe were chosen as alternates. All four of the delegates are standpat Republicans, but are looked upon as men opposed to Mulvane for national committeeman.

The result is the outcome of a combination effected with Lynn county by delegates from Franklin, Douglas and Wyandotte counties. Morse was a dark horse and his candidacy was sprung at the last minute. Tucker was elected on the first ballot, receiving 76 votes against Tom Kelly's 52. Bigger of Kansas City received 46 votes against Jones, 45 and Baxter McLean of Iola, 23. On the second ballot, Morse led and was elected with 75 votes against Kelly's 27. Jones and McLean, 15. Kirk and Jones were chosen alternates by acclamation.

Foreboding of Mulvane's defeat came when a temporary organization was effected and Senator O. O. Wolf of Franklin, an anti-Mulvane man, was elected temporary chairman. He then called for a vote on the question of whether or not to support Mulvane.

Conventions today in five congressional districts will virtually decide the fight for Republican national committee. When the returns come from the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth districts tonight, D. W. Mulvane of Topeka will be quite certain to know whether he is to regain his old job on the national committee. In any event, political leaders figure Mulvane will have a hand in the naming of the new committee man. The contest today decided whether Mulvane personally or a man named by Mulvane shall win.

For three weeks D. W. Mulvane has been an issue before almost every county convention and primary in Kansas. His name has been good for a first place position in the Kansas newspaper and in the editorial page of nearly every Republican and Progressive newspaper in the state.

So close is the fight today that neither the Mulvane nor the anti-Mulvane followers are making noisy claims as to results. Mulvane has not shown the slightest desire to break (Continued on Page 2)

MARCH DAYS RETURN

Fair and Colder Is the Outlook for Tonight.

Today was cloudy and raw, with the wind from the north, though temperatures were not low for this time of the month. The mercury will drop several degrees lower tonight, indicating of below freezing being the prediction. Tomorrow will be fair. The mercury did not reach the low mark expected last night. A slight rain fall occurred during the early morning hours but it was not heavy enough to measure.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight. The shipping forecast for the coast shows temperatures of 20 to 25 degrees for 24 hour shipments north and west; east and south, 25 to 30 degrees.

The lowest temperature last night was 37 degrees, 7 degrees above normal for this date. The highest temperature on record for this date is 72 degrees, established in 1908. The lowest record, 4 degrees above zero, was set in 1897.

The Kew river stands at 6.9 feet today.

Temperatures today averaged 2 degrees below normal. The wind blew at the rate of 22 miles an hour from the northwest. Following are hourly temperature readings for the day furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock ..... 37.1 o'clock ..... 38  
8 o'clock ..... 38.12 o'clock ..... 38  
9 o'clock ..... 37.1 o'clock ..... 39  
10 o'clock ..... 37.2 o'clock ..... 39  
11 o'clock ..... 37.3 o'clock ..... 39

## Gown Shy on Material and Color, Winner

Chicago, March 14.—Mrs. Marguerite M. Johnson, a Chicago dressmaker, won the \$1,000 award offered by Commodore James Pugh for the best American designed gown.

A fine creation of orchid color order faille, which cost her just \$21.54 to make, was pronounced by fashion experts to be best example of creative ability in the campaign to win Chicago the style dictatorship of the country.

The gown model is made with the usual contrast of simple tight bodice and full, billowing skirt. The only touches of contrasting color are the revers at the girdle, which are of salmon rose pink faille, and the white hand beading in the embroidery on the corsage. In an all-over effect, the back is laid in a frilly "V" at chignon.

FRANK THOMAS PREDICTS WAR WITH MEXICO

Topekan Says Entire Republic Will Turn Against U. S.

Carranza Never Will Keep Faith, He Declares.

THOMAS WILL NOT RESIGN

Asserts He Has No Intention of Leaving Democrats.

"Villa Never Can Be Taken Alive—Too Shrewd."

Carranza will never keep faith with the United States. In a week's forecast Carranza will swing behind Villa, who already has the support and sympathy of one-half of Mexico.

That was the sensational statement today of Frank S. Thomas of Topeka, a personal friend of Villa. Thomas is confident Villa will never be taken alive and declares that the situation in Mexico is due to bad judgment on the part of President Wilson and his cabinet.

In Mr. Thomas' judgment Carranza will be fortunate if he gets out of Mexico alive. He fears we have gotten into war with Mexico, which all good citizens ought to regret. Mexico, he says, may be our Serbia.

Thomas, a Democrat and bitter opponent of President Wilson in his handling of the Mexican situation, declares that the move to send troops into Mexico means a bad thing for the entire country. Carranza, Thomas declares, has never been a friend of the American government. He has never acted in good faith. He is without the following of his people and Villa will enlist the support of Mexico in the fight which the Topeka man declares can mean nothing less than war.

Doubts Columbus Story. "The Columbus story was deplorable, don't misunderstand me in that," said Thomas today. "But I believe there is another story of the Columbus slaughter. I don't think all of the truth has yet been told."

"Do you believe the American government is going to give the privileges to Carranza's troops to cross the border into the United States?" was asked of Thomas.

"Any dealing with Carranza is (Continued on Page 2)

GASOLINE UP TO 21

Feed for the Automobile Gets Another Boost.

Price Is Double That of a Few Months Ago.

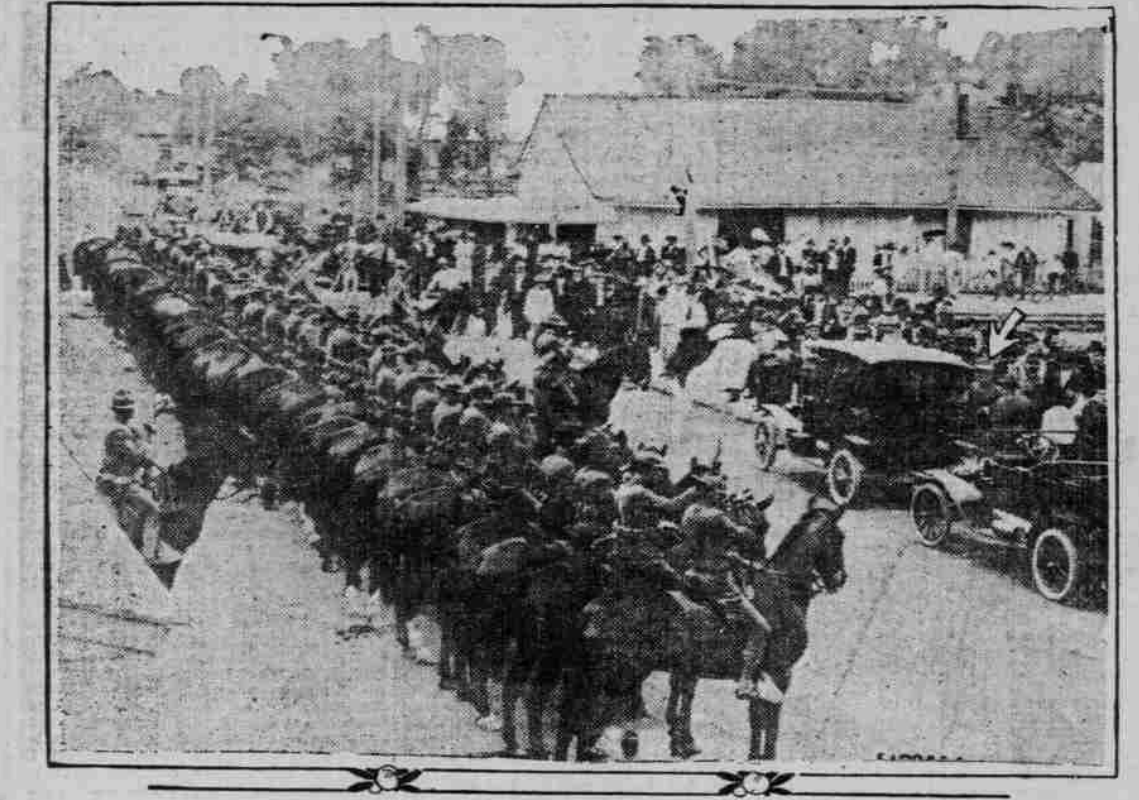
The high cost of automobiling received another boost today when a raise in the price of gasoline was announced by the Topeka Oil company. Gasoline is now selling for 21 cents a gallon at the local stations. Advances have been steady since last fall, and the price is double that of nine months ago.

An advance of 10 cents a barrel on crude oil has been announced. This brings a price up to \$1.55 a barrel besides the premium. Oil also has shown a steady increase in price during the past year.

Some time ago it was predicted by an official of an independent oil company that in the east, that gasoline would go to 40 cents or even 50 cents before this summer is over, unless an embargo was established by the government on exports. At the rate it has been advancing in the past few months it seems that this forecast may be fulfilled.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

## FUNSTON'S FIGHTERS ON BORDER IN READINESS FOR VILLA CHASE



General Funston (arrow) and some of his fighting men on Mexican border. This photograph, just received from the Texas border, shows some of the fighting men who will soon be in full pursuit of the bandit Villa. These men have been on the border for several years, and for a long time they have been impatient to avenge the murder of American citizens on both sides of the boundary line.

## ANTI-FIRE WEEK POSTSCRIPT ALREADY ACROSS?

Governor Capper Issues Proclamation April 17-22.

Appeal to Property Owners to Clean Up Hazards.

Believes Country Behind Wilson in Anti-Intervention.

Wichita, March 14.—William Jennings Bryan, who will speak in Wichita tonight, said of the Mexican situation and President Wilson's policy: "I believe the president is correct in his attitude. I believe we ought to pursue and punish those guilty of the outrage at Columbus. But the president is entirely right in making it clearly understood that this is neither invasion nor intervention. I was pleased to see in the morning papers that an understanding had been reached with Carranza based upon reciprocal efforts to suppress the outlaws.

The arrangement makes it easier for Carranza to agree to our troops entering Mexico, for we must bear in mind that he has a difficult task and is dealing with sensitive people. I believe that the country will overwhelmingly support the president in his determination to resist the pressure in favor of intervention. Intervention has been urged for three years by those peculiarly interested in Mexico, but they do not represent the general public.

USED DUMDUMS LAST MINUTE NEWS

Mexican Bandits Shot Soft Nosed Bullets and U. S. Made Rifles.

Chicago, March 14.—American made dum-dum bullets and American made guns were used by the Villa forces in their raid on Columbus, N. M., according to Private Stephen Wiczorkiewicz of the Seventh U. S. Infantry, who helped in repulsing the raiders and took part in their pursuit across the border.

Wiczorkiewicz, who passed through Chicago on his way to his home in Toledo, Ohio, He exhibited soft nosed bullets of the dum-dum type and asserted they were taken from the belts of dead Mexican bandits by members of Thirtieth cavalry at Columbus.

27,000 MEN TO BORDER

Resolution to Raise Army to Full Strength in Congress Tomorrow.

Washington, March 14.—A resolution will be introduced in congress tomorrow to permit the fighting force of the standing army to about 120,000 men at once.

Important, Says Funston. San Antonio, March 14.—General Funston said today that the present expedition into Mexico in search for Francisco Villa, was, in its potentialities, as important as any movement of the Spanish-American war.

Senator Shively Dead. Washington, March 14.—Senator Benjamin F. Shively of Indiana died at a hospital here late today after an illness of many months.

Marine Minister Ill. Amsterdam, March 14.—German newspapers say that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has returned from the general headquarters. His return is in connection with the illness of Admiral von Tirpitz, the minister of marine, which the newspaper says, has created an unusual sensation.

Doctors Contract Malady. Laredo, March 14.—Doctors Rusk and Oblitzky of New York, members of the Rockefeller expedition to Mexico to combat typhus, have contracted the malady and have been brought to Nuevo Laredo, according to advices reaching here today. They probably will be brought to Laredo and quarantined in a hospital.

St. Louis Gets 3 Million War Order. St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Three St. Louis firms today received an order for \$5,775,000 worth of high explosive shells from the British government, according to reports by local financiers. The shells are for use in 8-inch howitzers and delivery will commence within 30 days.

BURN RED CROSS CARGO

\$200,000 Supplies Were on Halifax Pier Destroyed by Fire.

Halifax, March 14.—A large quantity of Red Cross supplies were burned in a fire which destroyed pier No. 2 of the steamship terminal here today. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Mrs. Casey, in charge of the supplies, who was on board, is missing. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

## REVOLT IN CONGRESS OVER MEX SITUATION

Wilson Faces New Phase of "War" Crisis.

Storm of Indignation Over Reciprocal Agreement.

OUTBURST PENDING IN SENATE

Administration Plans Drastic Coup to Stem Tide.

Investigation by Federal Sleuths Is Demanded.

Washington, March 14.—With American troops on the eve of marching into Mexico, President Wilson was threatened today with a new revolt in congress today over his Mexican policy.

An outburst of criticism was threatened in the senate over the president's agreement with Carranza. Many senators were indignant over permission given to Carranza's troops to enter American territory, and some members also threatened to explode in vigorous criticism. Both congressional bodies bubbled with protest because of the Carranza agreement.

"War" Talk Banned. On the other hand, indignation was general in sources close to the White House over Mexican "war" talk. The administration let it be known that "gringo" discussion is one of the most embarrassing and dangerous features of the present situation.

Drastic steps were under consideration today by the administration to stem the tide of "war" and "intervention" agitation both in and out of congress. Administration heads discussed investigation, possibly through department of justice agents of intervention propaganda.

The principal protest in congress was based on the president's action without consulting the legislative body in agreement to let Carranza's troops enter the United States.

Final orders for the Villa hunt were in General Funston's hands today. The telegraph wires hummed with details of the punitive expedition and all Washington awaited the news of the border crossing today.

A few asserted American troops already have touched Mexican soil, but it is thought by army officials the start of the expedition will not occur before tomorrow at the earliest. All reports today told of the quiet effect upon Mexican popular sentiment of the reciprocal arrangement.

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IMPEDE TROOPS

Two Bridges Burned Before U. S. Soldier Trains.

In Crossing Texas Guards Are Mounted on Engines.

Fort Worth, March 14.—Troop trains leading Fort Worth today for the long trip across west Texas carried soldiers on the engine. This was done following the burning of two bridges since the troops left Georgia.

One of these bridges was west of Fort Worth and the other was in Arkansas. Later delayed the troops some time.

Delay Four Trains. Little Rock, March 14.—Four trains carrying troops of the Eleventh cavalry from Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, to El Paso were delayed several hours last night when a bridge on the Iron Mountain railroad was burned at New Augusta, Ark., between Little Rock and Memphis. The cause of the fire is not known. The troop trains were delayed in command of Colonel Lockett and Sand, the latter having been in command of the Columbus, N. M., garrison a year ago.

General Bell to Pershing's Post. San Antonio, March 14.—It was announced today that Big Gen. Geo. Bell, Jr., commander of the Fifth brigade with headquarters at San Antonio, had been ordered to El Paso to take command of the troops there, relieving General Pershing, now at Columbus. General Bell will not have charge of the border situation when General Pershing's advance into Mexico has begun. He will operate under the orders of General Funston.

No March Order Today. San Antonio, March 14.—No orders were issued from Fort San Houston this morning and none are likely today. General Funston said from now on he would refuse to answer questions concerning the imminence of the expeditionary force's departure.

BLAME ON BRITISH

Austria Cites Torpedoing of Merchantmen Without Warning.

Washington, March 14.—Austria has presented to the United States reports of two instances in which it is charged Austrian merchantships were torpedoed without warning by allied submarines, presumably British.

STRIKE LEADERS FIRED; COMRADES ALL WALK OUT

Stout City, Ia., March 14.—One thousand men at the Cudahy Packing Co. plant here today went on strike. The strike leaders say the walkout was due to the discharge of men who had been active in the recent strike at the plant.